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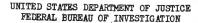
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She pointed out that she is the only representative of the University of Oslo, Norway Summer School at Northfield, Minnesota, and that, to her knowledge, JOHNSON has never been in this locality.

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Birmingham, Alabama September 15, 1955

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#### RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

advised when interviewed in connection with a previous investigation in 1951, that he recalls applicant as an instructor at Fisk University, Mashville, Tennessee, for several years and he believed applicant was President of Fisk University at that time. He said he did not know whether applicant was connected with the Southern Negro Youth Congress in Birmingham, Alabama. advised when interviewed in connection with a previous investigation in 1951, that he was a member of the SNYC in Birmingham during the early 1940's and that he was a member of the National Council of the SNYC. stated he worked with the local YMCA at the American Cast Iron Pipe Company during the early 1940's and that a connected with the SNYC at that time, made a speech at the YMCA at ACTPCQ. He explained that cussed the SNYC with him and apparently placed his name on the membership of the National Council. said he later saw a copy of "Cavalcade", a magazine published by the SNYC, and noticed that his name was listed as a member of the National Council of that organization. He stated that he recalled, among several other names listed, the name of CHARLES S. JOHNSON of Fisk University. He said he definitely recalled that JOHNSON was interested in the SNYC and was considered on the National Council, although as far as he, recalled, the National Council did not have any group meetings. stated that in his opinion the names on the National Council were used as "bait" to secure other members for the SNYC. He stated at the time he was interested in the SNYC he did not know there were any Communists in the organization, but he later learned that several of the leading members of this group were believed to be Communists. advised he did not know applicant personally and did not attend any meetings with him.

who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is a former member of the Communist Party of Alabama, advised when interviewed in connection with a previous investigation in 1951, that he recalled applicant was listed as a member and possibly an official in an advisory capacity to the SNYC. said he had known of applicant for many years as a professor at Fisk University at Nashville, Tennessee, and that applicant asked him, several years ago to make a speech to the student body at Fisk University. said applicant, so far as he knew, was not a member of the Communist Party.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER
PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

September 15, 1955, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

The Identification and Personnel Data form of CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON dated August 15, 1955, reflects that from 1952 to an unspecified date he was a member of the Citizens Committee on Migratory Labor of the National Consumers League, 348 Engineers Building, Cleveland, 14, Ohio.

The files of the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no information of a security type concerning the National Consumers League or the Citizens Committee on Migratory Labor.

On September 14, 1955,
National Consumers League, advised
that in 1952 at her request Dr. CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON,
as an authority on migratory labor, became a member of the
Citizens Committee on Migratory Labor of the National Con-
sumers League. By way of clarification pointed
out that the basic purpose of the League, which is supported
by privately raised funds, is to represent the public in-
terest in good labor standards. Prior to 1952,
related, the League received a substantial grant from the
estate of one of its deceased members "to go into" the
problems of migratory workers. Pursuant to the objectives
of this grant, stated, the Citizens Committee on

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b6 b7C b7D Migratory Labor was set up by the League to "work with" a subcommittee of the United States Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. stated that some members of the Citizens Committee testified before the subcommittee, but that Dr. JOHNSON was not called upon, and that, in effect, his membership "was merely on paper". advised that the national headquarters offices of the National Consumers League are in Cleveland, Ohio, and that the organization is not connected with any other organization of similar name. Continuing. advised that although she had known of Dr. JOHNSON as a distinguished leader in sociology for many years, she first met him personally in 1952 when both were members of President TRUMAN's Commission on Health Needs of the Nation. stated that Dr. JOHNSON was highly regarded by the members of the Commission, to the best of her knowledge, and that she had been impressed by his strength of character, good judgment, and sound conservatism, as exhibited in his views expressed to the Commission. Emphasizing that she knows Dr. JOHNSON pro-\_\_\_\_asserted that no information fessionally only, reflecting adversely on Dr. JOHNSON's character, morals, or associates has ever come to her attention. described Dr. JOHNSON as essentially a person who cherishes democratic principles. She does not question his loyalty to the United States, and noted that, so far as she knows, there has never been a "breath of volunteered suspicion" as to his patriotism. Dr. JOHNSON had never "fallen" for the Communist Party line that the Party was sincerely interested in the welfare of the members of his race. In this connection, observed that Dr. JOHNSON impressed her as frank and outspoken in his views, and that in conversing with him she

had never detected the slightest tinge of Communist sympathy. She expressed doubt that Dr. JOHNSON, whom she regards as a sensible, realistic man, would be credulous enough to be duped into lending his name to any Communist or Communist front enterprises. With respect to this observation said that over the years she has frequently seen

prominent and respected names on literature of organizations she believed to be tainted by Communist influence, but has never seen Dr. JOHNSON's name on such lists. knows of no associations, no foreign ties, and no lack of discretion on Dr. JOHNSON's part which might render him a security risk to the United States, and recommends him for any position of trust and confidence for which his professional training would qualify him. The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. was investigated in 1948 pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 9835 and results of investigation were transmitted to the Civil Service Commission under the caption The Loyalty Review Board advised by letter dated September 12, 1948, that \_\_resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to a decision on loyalty. Subsequently the Loyalty Review Board advised by letter dated June 4, 1952, that was considered "Eligible on loyalty," and set forth her position as Comwas considered missioner, President's Commission on Health Needs of the Nation, Washington, D. C. Additional investigation of was conducted in April and May, 1954, pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and results of investigation were transmitted to the Civil Service Commission under the caption previously indicated. h6 b7C b7D - 3 -

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March 19, 1948, at Cleveland, in the LGE case on (Bu file 121-864) sets out considerable information re the National Consumers League and notes that the was one of its Presidents. b6 b7C ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE - 4 -

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September 15, 1955 Atlanta, Georgia

#### RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Southern Regional Education Board, 881 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, advised on September 8, 1955, that Dr. CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON has been affiliated with the Southern Regional Education Board in various capacities for the past seven years. He stated he has been acquainted with Dr. JOHNSON for approximately fifteen years on a professional basis as a fellow educator. advised that Dr. JOHNSON's present affiliation with the Southern Regional Education Board requires him to be in Atlanta possibly three or four times a year to attend meetings, and that to his knowledge Dr. JOHNSON has never resided in the Atlanta area. He stated that Dr. JOHNSON is a very prominent and capable educator in the United States, and that he has no reason to question his loyalty to the United States or the Democratic form of government. He stated he considers Dr. JOHNSCN to be an individual of good moral character and excellent reputation, and stated he was not accuainted with Dr. JOHNSCN's social acquaintances. He stated that based on his knowledge of Dr. JOHNSON he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust and confidence.

Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, advised on September 8, 1955, that Dr. CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON has been

affiliated with the Southern Regional Council in various capacities since 1944. stated that Dr. JOHNSON has served as Chairman of the Executive Committee for several years during his period of membership in the Southern Regional Council. He stated that Dr. JOHNSON attends meetings of the Southern Regional Council on the average of one a year

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He stated he wished to refute an allegation made in a periodical entitled, "One Methodist Voice", dated April 19, 1953, published at Clayton, Georgia, alleging that

was a Communist Party sympathizer.

stated he was not and had never been a member of the Communist Party or knowingly belonged to any Communist Party front organization.

stated he considered himself to be anti-Communist, and believed the attack made upon him could be attributed to the fact that he was connected with the Southern Regional Council.

made available in March of 1945, information to the effect that one of the main problems of the Southern Regional Council was that of international peace. Information furnished by further identified the Southern Regional Council as follows:

The Southern Regional Council was the outgrowth of the consciousness among progressive Southerners of the need for a Southwide agency for the promotion of constructive social and economic reforms. Another factor contributing to the formation of the Southern Regional Council was the

Durham-Atlanta-Richmond Conferences of 1942-1943, in which Southern leaders, white and Negro, met together to work for a better South. The Southern Regional Council was chartered by the State of Georgia on January 5, 1944, and held its charter meeting on February 16, 1944. The Council represents the forward-looking conscience and efforts of liberal Southerners to give Democracy a chance in the South. Although it is bi-racial in membership and staff, it is not exclusively a "race relations" organization. It believes in the improvement of economic, civic, political and educational conditions for the good of all the people. The Southern Regional Council is a membership organization and is controlled by its members who make decisions on policy and program. The annual meeting is held in Atlanta, Georgia, on second Wednesday in October, and every member in good standing is entitled to vote either in person or by proxy. The Council is composed of a Board of Directors elected by the members; an Executive Committee and five standing committees, elected by the Board of Directors, and an Executive Staff which devotes its time to the promotion of the Council's program. The Council believes the best methods for promoting social progress are honest discussion and cooperation, rather than agitation. Its functions are: (1) Research and survey to determine the facts and possibilities of constructive social action; (2) Educational work through publications, press, radio and personal contacts; (3) Cooperation with other agencies having liberal and humanitarian aims; (4) Consultative services to private or public agencies, and (5) The formation of constructive plans and proposals for the South that could be. The Council operates in thirteen Southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia. Its voting members reside in these states. While the Council has a "regional" approach, it is not a defensive organization. It has declared its willingness to cooperate with like-minded organizations of a state, regional or national scope. - 3 -

According to information furnished to in March, 1954 Congress of Industrial Organization-Political Action Committee, Atlanta, Georgia, was listed as one of the sixty members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. In the April 12, 1947, issue of the "Atlanta News Digest." of the Farm Security Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, and more recently of the Congress of Industrial Organization-Political Action Committee, was described as being appointed the Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. During a prior investigation in July, 1944, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation while in the presence of noted that of the Southern Negro Youth Congress. personally contacted in regard to a speech was to make at an undesignated place. This Special Agent stated inquired from whether the aims of the Southern Negro Youth Congress were the same as those of the National Negro Congress, and replied that they were the same in substance. according to this Special Agent, stated he was not in accord with some of the leaders of the National Negro Congress. The Southern Negro Youth Congress and the National Negro Congress have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450. b6 b7C b7D

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The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D. C., reflect that an article appeared in the "Evening Star," Washington, D. C., dated August 9, 1928, and concerned the Frockwood College, Katonak, New York. This article identified as an endorser of the Brockwood College and stated students of Brockwood have taken part in many labor and college strikes. The philosophy of Marx influences all of the subjects at the liberal college.
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The files of the Atlanta Credit Bureau, Atlanta, Georgia, as checked on September 9, 1955, failed to reflect any credit rating for Dr. CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON.

The files of the Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta, Georgia, as checked on September 9, 1955, failed to reflect any arrest record for Dr. CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON.

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b2 b6 b7C b7D AT 138-187 The files of the Atlanta Credit Bureau and Atlanta Police Department were checked by SE Careful consideration has been given to each source that is concealed in this report and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed. INFORMANTS whose identity is known to the Bureau and who furnished all information to former SA ., as reported on 3/4/44. who furnished information to Birmingham Div., on who furnished information to Birmingham Div., on 3/24/45. The Special Agent of the FRI referred to on Page 4 Atlanta Division. of this report is SA interviewed of the CIO, Political Action Committee, in connection with the investigation then being conducted by the Bureau of the Political Action Committee at the request of the Department of Justice.

The results of SA investigation in 7/44 were reported to the Bureau in the report of SA dated 7/29/44 at Atlanta, entitled "POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE CIO; SIDNEY HILLMAN, CHAIRMAN; JOHN ABT, COUNSEL; LEE PRESSMAN, COUNSEL; WAR LABOR DISPUTES ACT; FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT; HATCH ACT". In connection with this investigation it is noted that the CIO PAC in 1944 opened their files to review by SAs of the FBI. ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE - 7 -

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No reference was made in the report to the Institute of International Education, Inc., of which the applicant lists himself as a member of the Board of Trustees. It is noted that in the reBulet, the CSC report contains a complete documentation of this organization. It is further noted that for NY to document this organization it would have to rely on information furnished by the CSC, Washington, D. C.

The applicant also lists himself as the vice chairman of the American Committee for Cultural Freedom, Inc.

Information contained in the NY files is not considered sufficiently significant to include in the report.

The information consists of the following:

"The New Leader," issue of 11/13/50, on pages 15-19 contains an article entitled "A Message to Americans" concerning the Congress for Cultural Freedom. This article indicates that the Congress originated from a meeting held in Berlin on June 25 (year not mentioned), which meeting included "some of the finest minds in the Western world" men, from France, Italy, Great Britain, West Germany, North and South America, who deliberated on the "fate of freedom." According to this article the nature of the Congress is best described in its own manifesto, which held among other things that freedom of the spirit is an inalienable right; and that the him and practice of totalitarianism are the greatest threat which humanity has faced. The manifesto concluded: "We address this to all men who are determined to defend existing freedom, to win back those which have been lost, and to establish new areas of freedom."

The article stated that in the United States an American branch, the "American Committee for Cultural Freedom," at the time of the writing was being founded, initiated by the U.S. delegates to the Berlin Congress for Cultural Freed

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Letter to the Director NY 138-2557 The New York "Brooklyn Eagle." issue of 7/13/53, contained an item which reflected that four professors speaking for the American Committee for Cultural Freedom, had stated that a Communist is professionally disqualified as a scholar and teacher, but that the minute number on U.S. college campuses has little influence and poses no threat. This group indicated that no imaginable legislation could flow from the Congressional inquiries then under way concerning educators. They said the probes only serve to place the teaching profession "under a perpetual cloud of distrust" who has furnished reliable information in the past, om 2/18/54, made available to SAL and SE information reflecting that the American Committee for Cultural Freedom had had a yearly subscription to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." expiring 1/25/54. JOHNSON lists himself as a member of the Council Against Intolerance in America from 1953 to the present. The ONI, 3 ND, advised in March, 1942, that "subject organization membership is an admirture of political outlooks. It includes Communists, Conservatives, Pacifists and Liberals. The person who seems to exert the most influence is who is markedly pro-Communist. Subject carnot be considered a front organization .... The ONI indicated the reliability of this information to be B-7. This information was marked confidential.

In view of the above, employees membership in this organization was not considered unduly significant and worthy of

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#### RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

United Nations New York, New York

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization office, advised on August 31, 1955, that CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON is an applicant under consideration to attend the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization conference to be held in Paris, France, from September 19 to 23, 1955, in the division of social science. She stated that he is also being considered for another United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization assignment.

advised on September 12, 1955, that he had known CHARLES

SPURGEON JOHNSON for approximately He said that Dr. JOHNSON serves as a consultant to the John Hay Whitney Foundation and has been so employed for the past six years. He said that Mr. JOHNSON is very well known in the field of education and that he has been for some years the president of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Said that he would be very glad to endorse Dr. JOHNSON for any responsible position. He said that he had found him to be a man of extremely good character and that his loyalty and patriotism are above reproach. He said that he had no knowledge of any organizations to which Dr. JOHNSON might belong. He sated that the only member of the JOHNSON family with whom he was acquainted is impressed him very favorably.

b6 b7C b7D Miscellaneous The January 11, 1948 issue of "The Worker," section 2, page 3, contains an interview with Dr. CHARLES SPURGEON JOFFSON upon the occasion of his appointment as president of Fisk University. A photostatic copy of this article is attached to each copy of this report and is marked Exhibit A. "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper. The indices of the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no information identifiable with Representatives of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation and the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department advised on August 31 and September 2, 1955, that the files of these departments contain no information relating to The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as on September 2, 1955, contain no checked by information relating to - 2 -

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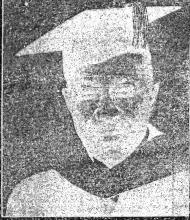
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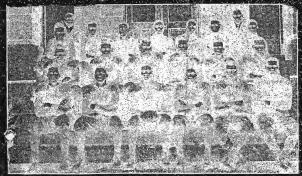
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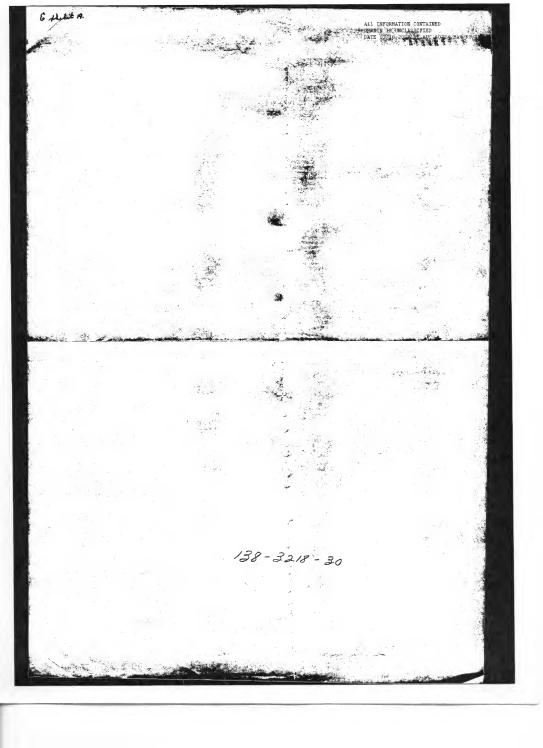
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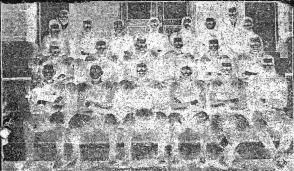
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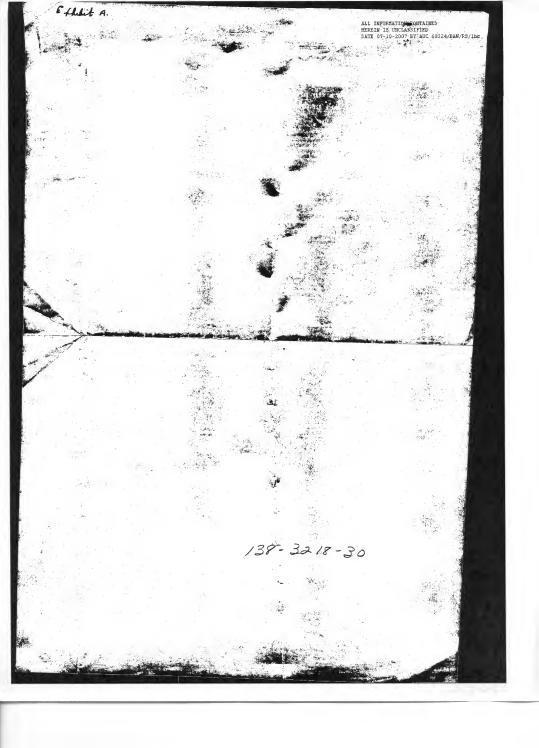
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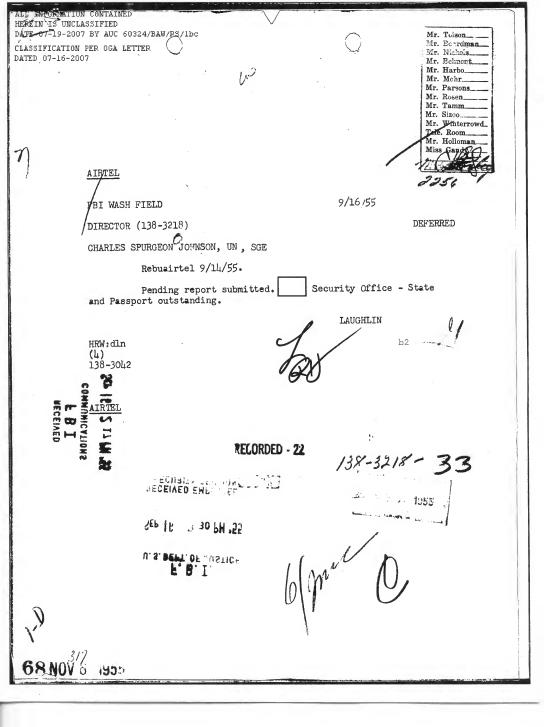
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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated September 21, 1955 furnishing copies of reports covering an investigation conducted concerning the captioned individual. These reports were furnished for information and consideration as to whether the evidence developed indicated a violation of any Federal law. Enclosed herewith is a copy of this Bureau's letter

of this date to the U. S. Civil Service Commission together with a copy of its enclosure containing further information

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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Reference is made to my letter dated September 21. 1955, which transmitted reports of investigation concerning captioned individual under the provisions of Executive Order 10422.

Additional information has been received which is set forth in the report of Special Agent at Washington, D. C., dated October 28, 1955, three copies of which are enclosed.

The above data is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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October 28, 1955 Washington, D.C.

#### RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Files of the Passport Office of the U.S. Department of State, disclosed that Passport No. 667582 was issued to the applicant on June 5, 1952, for an intended visit of approximately three months duration to various European countries. The applicant noted that he was to represent the Board of Foreign Scholarships (U.S. State Department) and intended to visit the U.S. Educational Foundations in the various countries. This passport was renewed on August 3, 1955, for the expressed purpose of visiting universities in several European countries. The passport file reflected no information reflecting adversely upon Mr. JOHNSON.

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TO: Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.

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Your Bureau conducted investigation in this case under provisions of Executive Order 10422, as amended. The disposition made of the case by the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board is indicated bellow:

A favorable advisory loyalty determination was forwarded to the head of the above international organization.

An unfavorable advisory loyalty determination was forwarded

to the head of the above international organization. \*

A summary report of derogatory suitability information, other than loyalty, was forwarded to the head of the above international organization.

Resigned or otherwise separated from employment or withdrew from consideration prior to a decision (see explanation below). Completed UNESCO assignment (less than 90 days) prior to determination of International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board. )

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\*Disposition by the international agency has been requested. Your Bureau will be notified of final action.

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TO:

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,

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FROM:

Dennis A. Flinn,

Director, Office of Security.

SUBJECT: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

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Reference is made to your memorandum of August 26, 1955 requesting information as to whether or not affiliation with the United States Commission for UNESCO (member Executive Committee) falls within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

The basic law governing appointments to the U. S. National Commission to UNESCO, Public Law 565, 79th Congress, Second Session, provides

"the Secretary of State shall cause to be organized a National Commission on Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Cooperation of not to exceed one hundred members. Such Commission shall be appointed by the Secretary of State and shall consist of (a) not more than sixty representatives of principal national, voluntary organizations interested in educational, scientific, and cultural matters; and (b) not more than forty outstanding persons selected by the Secretary of State, including not more than ten persons holding office under or employed by the Government of the United States, not more than fifteen representatives of the educational, scientific, and cultural interests of State and local governments, and

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not more than fifteen persons chosen at large. The Secretary of State is authorized to name in the first instance fifty of the principal national voluntary organizations, each of which shall be invited to designate one representative for appointment to the Mational Commission."

The law further provides that one-third of the members shall serve at rm of one year, one-third a term of two years, and one-third a term of three years, to constitute the initial National Commission, and thereafter members shall be appointed for a term of three years each, but no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The National Commission shall meet at least once annually. No member of the Commission shall be allowed any salary or other compensation for services except travel expenses not to exceed \$10 per diem. The National Commission is further authorized to call special conferences of experts who are likewise remunerated and the Pepertment of State is authorized to provide the necessary Secretariat for the Commission.

The law makes no provision for investigation or security clearance of the individual members of the National Commission and these members are not considered employees of the Department of State and do not come under the provisions of Executive Order 10450. However, since the Secretary has the responsibility for the selection of members of the U.S. National Commission to UNESCO the Department of State initiates appropriate inquiries on nominees to aid in the selection process. These inquiries are usually limited to name checks in national agencies as members do not need to have access to classified information of the Department of State.

With respect to Mr. Johnson, this office has been informed by the Department's Bureau of International Organization that Mr. Johnson is not presently a member of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO.